| **Indian Bank** | **1994** | **1995** | **1996** | **1997** | **1998** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. of cases filed/transferred | — | 180. | 249 | 558 | 1520 |
| Amount of dues involved | — | 97.34 | 131.09 | 489.52 | 1803.79 |
| No. of cases disposed off | — | — | 7 | 20 | 184 |
| Amount of dues recovered | — | — | — | 3.34 | 8.54 |

**Corruption in preventive wing of Calcutta Customs House**

1444. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any communication from an Hon'ble M.P. was received on 18.11.96 regarding alleged rampant corruption, etc. in the preventive wing of Calcutta Customs House;

(b) whether any reply was given on the action taken;

(c) if so, the details of the reply and action taken; and

(d) if no action was taken, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M. R. JANARTHANAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A copy of the reply sent to Hon'ble M.P. by the Finance Minister on 1.3.99 is enclosed as statement. (*See* below)

(d) Does not arise.

**Statement**

D.O.F. No. 524/2/97/VIP

1 MAR., 1999

Dear Shri Balanandan,

Kindly refer to your letter No. 3/EB/F-15 dated 2.1.1999 regarding rampant corruption and mismanagement in the Preventive wing of Calcutta Customs House. The allegations as raised in your complaint dated 18.11.1996 have been looked into.

As regards allegations of corruption and nepotism, unless specific datails are given with necessary supporting evidence, it would be difficult to investigate them. Nevertheless efforts were made to verify the allegations made in your letter dated 18.11.1996 wherein you had cited a few examples as to how laws and rules are being flouted by the Administration. Specifically you had mentioned that a superintendent was in police custody for about 10 days on a murder charge and got bail from the High Court. In this connection, it is ascertained that one Shri P. Mukherjee, Superintendent, was arrested on 22.8.1995 by Police as co-accused in a criminal case. He was placed under deemed suspension from the date of his arrest. However, on orders of Calcutta High Court he was allowed to join duty. Subsequently, it is learnt that he was exonerated by the SDJM, Serampore.

You had also mentioned about one Shri Ganapati, who was allegedly involved in a smuggling case and got subsequently promoted as Superintendent. In this connection, it is ascertained that he was promoted as Sueprintendent prior to his being charge-sheeted. He has been served with a charge-sheet on 9.12.1996 and disciplinary proceedings have been instituted against him.

As regards the suggestions contained in your letter of 18.11.1996, I would like to mention that Addtional commissioner (Prev.) Shri Dutta Majumdar has long back been relieved and Shri S.P. Banerjee has since retired. Further, no officer at the Airport is posted out of turn. It is also not correct that postings of class IV employees are being decided in consultation with their Union. There is, therefore, no reason why the postings of preventive officers should be decided in consultation with their Union.

As regards other suggestions regarding examination of cargo and baggage, they have been looked into. The present distribution of work between the Commissionerate of Customs, Calcutta and Commissionerate of Customs (Prev.), West Bengal is based on years of experience in the past and does not call for a drastic change. However, if you have any specific complaint of harassment of corruption, you may kindly bring the same with verifiable facts to my notice.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

-Sd-

(YSHWANT SINHA)

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**Loan from OECF**

1445. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Japanese aided Calcutta Transport infrastructure Development Projects has been delayed due to controversy over bidders;

(b) is so, whether OECF (Overseas Economic Co-operation Fund) has taken up the matter with Government; and

(c) whether it is likely to affect future loans from OECF?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise;

**भारतीय यूनिट ट्रस्ट का विभाजन**

1446. **श्री ओंकार सिंह लखावत:** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) विगत तीन वर्षों के दौरान भारतीय यूनिट ट्रस्ट ने अपनी योजनाओं के अन्तर्गत कितना धन एकत्रित किया है;

(ख) क्या सरकार स्वस्थ्य प्रतिस्पर्धा के उद्देश्य से भारतीय यूनिट ट्रस्ट का दो भागों में विभाजन करने का विचार रखती है; और

(ग) भारतीय यूनिट ट्रस्ट जैसे विशाल संस्थान पर प्रभावी नियंत्रण रखने के लिए सरकार की क्या योजना है?

**वित्त मंत्री (श्री यशवन्त सिन्हा):** (क) भारतीय यूनिट ट्रस्ट के अनुसार, गत तीन वर्षों में भारतीय यूनिट ट्रस्ट की सभी योजनाओं के अन्तर्गत हुई बिक्री (संग्रहीत राशि), सकल आय और आय वितरण निम्नानुसार रहा है:—

(करोड़ रुपये)

| वर्ष | 1995-96 | 1996-97 | 1997-98 |
|---|---|---|---|
| सभी योजनाओं के अन्तर्गत हुई बिक्री | 8234 | 10027 | 13179 |
| सकल आय | 7258 | 7390 | 8342 |
| आय वितरण | 5344 | 5951 | 6355 |

(ख) ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

(ग) 1 जुलाई, 1994 के बाद आरम्भ की गई भारतीय यूनिट ट्रस्ट की सभी योजनाएं सेबी के अनुमोदन के अधीन आती हैं। भारतीय यूनिट ट्रस्ट का कार्यकरण भारतीय यूनिट ट्रस्ट अधिनियम के साथ-साथ बोर्ड द्वारा अनुमोदित निवेश संबधी दिशानिर्देशों से शासित होता है।